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1911

Austin Whittington House
Tulls Corner Vicinity
private

The Austin Whittington house is not an unusual house type for rural Somerset County. These large, two-story hip roofed dwellings with multiple gables covering bay windows are found throughout the countryside. Supported by a raised brick foundation, the squarish aluminum sheathed house is capped by a slate roof.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-295

Magi No. 2002955735

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Austin Whittington House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number N side of Powell Road (or Whittington Road) ☐ not for publicationcity, town Tulls Corner ☒ vicinity of congressional district Firststate Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Paul Whittingtonstreet & number Rt. 1, Box 53 telephone no.:city, town Marion state and zip code Md. 21838

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liberstreet & number Somerset County Courthouse foliocity, town Princess Anne, state Md. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

repository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Austin Whittington house stands on the north side of Whittington Road immediately west of Landon Store Road near Tulls Corner, Somerset County, Maryland. The large, squarish frame house faces south with the hip roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1911, the two-story irregular plan frame house is supported by a common bond foundation and is sheathed with a uniform layer of aluminum siding. The steeply pitched hip roof and the multiple gables which extend from it are covered in slate. Narrow brick chimneys rise from the center section and have corbelled caps.

The south (principal) facade is an uneven elevation with the first floor covered by a wraparound porch. Pairs of Tuscan columns on brick plinths support the hip roof. Centered in the middle is a gable-front that marks the entrance bay. The glazed front door is flanked by louvered aluminum shutters while the adjacent bays are filled with single-pane sash windows. The second floor, on the other hand, has a three-sided bay window in the right bay above the entrance and is covered by a gable-front roof pierced with a lunette window. The left bay on the second floor has a single-pane sash window.

The west side elevation has an off-center two-story bay covered by the same gable-front roof with a lunette window. The flanking bays are filled with single-pane sash windows, and the cellar is lighted by two-pane lights.

The north elevation is covered on the first floor by an enclosed shed porch which is supported by a raised brick foundation.

The east side elevation is detailed in a similar manner as the west side with a two-story bay window covered by a gable-front roof. The east side porch is enclosed.

The interior has been partially remodeled, but retains a portion of its early twentieth-century woodwork.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

| Specific dates | 1911 | Builder/Architect |
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| check: Applicable Criteria: | <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D | |
| and/or | | |
| Applicable Exception: | <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G | |
| Level of Significance: | <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Austin Whittington house is not an unusual house for rural Somerset County. In fact, these large two-story hip roof dwellings with multiple gables covering bay windows is one of the most common house types for early twentieth century farmhouses. In architectural jargon, this form is known as the four-square house with its large squarish proportions quartered into rooms.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name KingstonQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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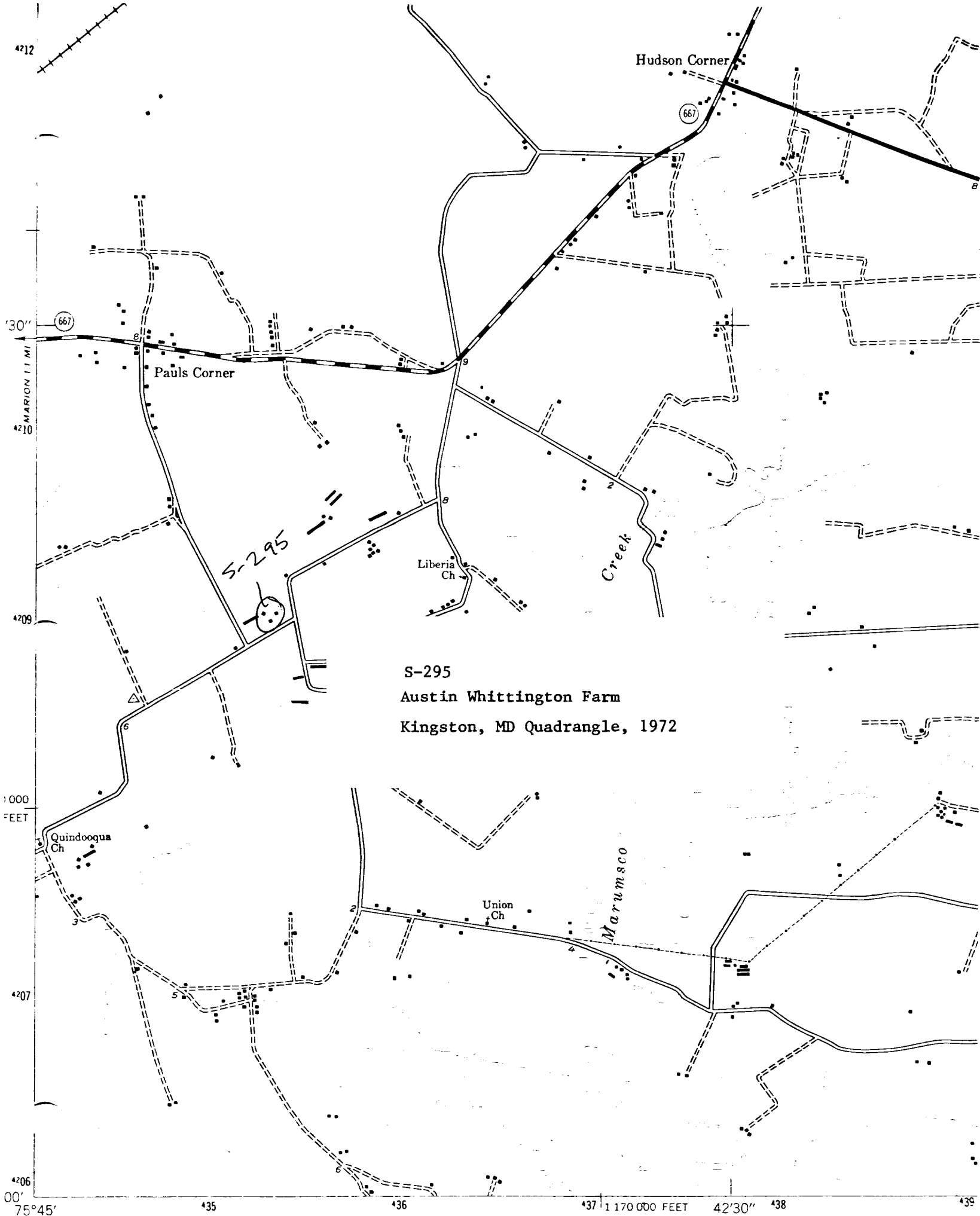
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Austin Whittington House S-295
Tulls Corner vicinity, Somerset county
South Elevation
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